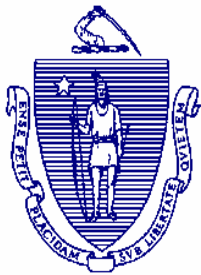


# Executive Office of Public Safety Newsletter, December 2006



The Executive Office of Public Safety (EOPS) is committed to keeping the people of Massachusetts informed about critical homeland security, emergency management, personal safety, and criminal justice issues. The EOPS newsletter is published monthly for the purpose of sharing current information on events, publications, and funding opportunities among public safety professionals.

## EOPS Funding Opportunities

### Commonwealth Security Trust Fund Grant Program

**Application Deadline: December 6, 2006**

The Executive Office of Public Safety (EOPS) is pleased to announce the availability of funding through the Commonwealth Security Trust Fund (CSTF) for fiscal year 2007. The funds are intended to enhance response to emergencies, including acts of terrorism. The CSTF Grant Program is highly competitive, with an anticipated 15 awards of approximately \$20,000. Municipalities should apply on behalf of police and fire departments.

For more information: <http://www.mass.gov/eopsfunding>

[Click on Law Enforcement](#)

## Other Funding Opportunities

### Comprehensive Approaches to Sex Offender Management

**Application Deadline: December 7, 2006**

"The Comprehensive Approaches to Sex Offender Management (CASOM) Discretionary Grant Program provides funding to help jurisdictions effectively manage sex offenders in the community by implementing new or enhancing existing programs. Programs need to increase public safety and reduce victimization. Although CASOM focuses on the continuum of activities and services for sex offenders, grant funds must be targeted for community reintegration and community management of these offenders, not for institutional services. Local, state, and tribal communities who are interested in addressing the management of juvenile, adult, or a mixed population of sex offenders are eligible to apply for this grant program."

For more information: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/grant/casom.html>

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## **Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program**

### **Application Deadline: December 12, 2006**

“The Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program (JMHC) was created by the Mentally Ill Offender Treatment and Crime Reduction Act of 2004 in response to requests from state government officials to recommend improvements to the criminal justice system's response to people with mental illness. The purpose of the program is to increase public safety by facilitating collaboration among the criminal justice, juvenile justice, mental health treatment, and substance abuse systems to increase access to treatment for this unique group of offenders. Applicants are limited to states, units of local government, Indian tribes, and tribal organizations, which must apply jointly with a mental health agency.”

For more information: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/grant/JMHCprogram.html>

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## **Gang Resistance Education and Training (G.R.E.A.T.) Program**

### **Application Deadline: December 14, 2006**

“The Gang Resistance Education and Training (G.R.E.A.T.) Program, previously administered by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), is now being administered by the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), a component of the Office of Justice Programs (OJP), U.S. Department of Justice. The G.R.E.A.T. Program is a school-based, law enforcement officer-instructed classroom curriculum. The program's primary objective is prevention and is intended as an immunization against delinquency, youth violence, and gang membership. G.R.E.A.T. lessons focus on providing life skills to students to help them avoid delinquent behavior and violence to solve problems. Applicants are limited to state, local, or tribal jurisdictions or their respective law enforcement agencies, including: school police, housing authority police, prosecution, probation, and parole agencies possessing the power of arrest.”

For more information: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/grant/07GREATsol.pdf>

## **Outcome Evaluation of Weed and Seed**

### **Application Deadline: December 29, 2006**

“The Justice Research and Statistics Association, in performance of work awarded under a cooperative agreement by the U.S. Department of Justice, Community Capacity Development Office, is pleased to announce that it is seeking applications for an evaluation of the National Weed and Seed Strategy. The overarching goal of the Weed and Seed strategy is to prevent, control, and reduce violent crime, drug abuse, and gang activity; however, sites vary in terms of the specific problems that they address and the strategies they employ to address them. The national evaluator will work closely with JRSA and CCDO as it refines the evaluation design to account for variations in problems and strategies among the Weed and Seed sites.”

For more information: <http://www.weedandseed.info/docs/eval-solicitation.pdf>

### **Crime and Justice Research**

#### **Application Deadline: January 23, 2007**

“The Crime and Justice Research solicitation is the National Institute of Justice’s “open” solicitation for social and behavioral research and evaluation on topics relevant to State or local criminal and juvenile justice policy and practice. Most crime and justice topics that are relevant to policymakers and practitioners are eligible for consideration. For evaluation research, funding priority will be given to applications proposing randomized experimental designs, regression discontinuity, propensity scores, or other enhanced quasi-experimental designs that maximize the validity and reliability of research results.”

For more information: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/sl000765.pdf>

### **Research on Policing and Public Safety Interventions**

#### **Application Deadline: January 30, 2007**

“The National Institute of Justice is seeking proposals to conduct research on policing and public safety interventions to improve law enforcement policies and operations at the State and local levels. Effective law enforcement and crime prevention are of critical importance to ensuring the safety of communities throughout the country. Given the limited resources of most police departments and other local agencies and groups, it is especially important to determine the effectiveness of police department policies and public safety interventions.”

For more information: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/sl000779.pdf>

### **FY 2007 Weed and Seed Communities Competitive Program Guide and Application Kit**

#### **Application Deadline: January 31, 2007**

“The U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Community Capacity Development Office (CCDO) is pleased to announce that it is seeking applications for funding the Weed and Seed Communities Competitive Program (for new applicants only). The Weed and Seed initiative is a community-based, comprehensive multi-agency approach to law enforcement, crime prevention, and neighborhood restoration. It is designed for neighborhoods with persistent high levels of serious violent crime and corresponding social problems.”

For more information: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ccdo/ws/2007guideln.html>

### **W.E.B. DuBois Fellowship Program 2007**

#### **Application Deadline: February 1, 2007**

“The W.E.B. DuBois Fellowship Program seeks to advance knowledge regarding the confluence of crime, justice, and culture in various societal contexts. The Fellowship places particular emphasis on crime, violence, and the administration of justice in diverse cultural contexts. Fellows are encouraged to spend a period of residence at NIJ, and to prepare reports suitable for publication by NIJ to summarize the results and policy implications of their research.”

For more information: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/sl000753.pdf>

### **Community Corrections: Evaluating the Effectiveness of Electronic Monitoring of Moderate to High-Risk Offenders Under Supervision**

#### **Application Deadline: February 6, 2007**

“The National Institute of Justice (NIJ) is seeking applications for funding research on the effectiveness of electronic monitoring of moderate to high-risk offenders to inform and improve policy and practice in the area of community corrections supervision. NIJ is particularly interested in studying the use of Global Positioning Systems (GPS) or other tracking technologies that permit wide-area active or passive continuous monitoring for managing serious and violent offenders, including but not limited to sex and/or domestic violence offenders.”

For more information: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/sl000783.pdf>

# **Research and Publications**

## **HIV in Prisons, 2004**

This annual bulletin from the Bureau of Justice Statistics details the number of female and male prisoners who were HIV positive or AIDS active in State and Federal prisons in 2004, the number of AIDS-related deaths, a profile of inmates who died, and a comparison of AIDS rates for the general and prisoner populations. Data for this publication was taken from the 2004 National Prisoner Statistics series as well as the Deaths in Custody series.

Access full text at: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/abstract/hivp04.htm>

## **Background Checks for Firearm Transfers, 2005**

This Bureau of Justice Statistics report details background checks for firearm transfers performed in 2005. The report includes: the number of applications checked by State points of contact; estimates of the number of applications checked by local agencies; and the number of applications rejected, the reasons for rejection, and estimates of applications and rejections conducted by each type of approval system.

Access full text at: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/abstract/bcft05.htm>

## **School-Based Partnerships: A Problem-Solving Strategy**

This Office of Community Oriented Policing Services report focuses on the use of the SARA problem-solving process (Scanning, Analysis, Response, and Assessment) to address specific issues in schools. Three different sites were chosen and their specific issues were discussed (threats to students and teachers, illegal drug sales, and truancy).

Access full text at: <http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/mime/open.pdf?Item=1920>

## **Medical Problems of Jail Inmates**

This Bureau of Justice Statistics report presents findings from the 2002 Survey of Inmates in Local Jails. Data is provided for jail inmates who reported a current medical problem, a physical or mental impairment, or an injury since admission. The prevalence of specific medical problems and conditions are also discussed.

Access full text at: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/abstract/mpji.htm>

## **Lessons Learned From Safe Kids/Safe Streets**

This Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention bulletin presents results from an evaluation of the Safe Kids/Safe Streets program in six sites throughout the country. The goal of the Safe Kids/Safe Streets (SK/SS) program is to help communities reduce child abuse and neglect and their later effects through collaborative, communitywide efforts. The experiences of the participating sites are discussed along with lessons learned.

Access full text at: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/ojjdp/213682.pdf>

## **Prevalence of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Dating Violence, and Stalking**

This United States Government Accountability Office (GAO) report presents results from a study conducted to determine the prevalence of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking among men, women, youth, and children. Information was obtained through a variety of federal agencies and advocacy groups where numerous officials were interviewed and statistics were collected. This report also includes a review of federal laws and related literature. The GAO is currently in the process of reviewing available support services (e.g., counseling, medical, legal, etc.) to victims of these categories of crime and victim characteristics by type of service.

Access full text at: <http://www.gao.gov/new.items/d07148r.pdf?source=ra>

### **Principles of Drug Abuse Treatment for Criminal Justice Populations**

This National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) report discusses proven components for successful treatment of drug abusers who have entered the criminal justice system. The report identifies thirteen essential principles, based on a review of the scientific literature on drug abuse treatment and criminal behavior, and also provides frequently asked questions, resources and references.

Access full text at: [http://www.drugabuse.gov/PDF/PODAT\\_CJ/PODAT\\_CJ.pdf](http://www.drugabuse.gov/PDF/PODAT_CJ/PODAT_CJ.pdf)

## **Conferences and Trainings**

### **The State of Crime and Justice in America**

**December 4-6, 2006 in Phoenix, AZ**

**January 8-10, 2007 in Columbus, OH**

**January 25-26, 2007 in Baltimore, MD**

This Bureau of Justice Assistance conference brings together practitioners, policy makers, and BJA leadership to explore critical issues in law enforcement and criminal justice. Session topics include: human trafficking, sex offender management, pandemic, gangs, meth, homicide clearance, identity theft/white collar crime, public surveillance, counter-terrorism, problem solving courts (drug, family, mentally ill), information sharing, and law enforcement leadership. In addition, there will be sessions on grants management which will include the following topics: GMS, compliance issues, Grants.gov, grants administration and monitoring (programmatic and financial).

For more information: <http://www.ncja.org/Content/NavigationMenu/EducationEvents/BJARegionalMeetingSeries/default.htm>

### **Juvenile Justice Detention Forums**

**December 7, 2006 in Brockton, MA**

**December 8, 2006 in Springfield, MA**

The Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee (JJAC) will host a series of forums across the state to discuss secure juvenile detention in Massachusetts. The first two forums will occur at the Brockton Trial Court on December 7 from 1:30-4:30 and at the Springfield Public Library on December 8 from 1:30-4:30. The forums are designed to provide an opportunity for juvenile justice stakeholders to discuss the issue of pre-adjudication detention and the overrepresentation of minority youth at this “front door” to the juvenile justice system. The JJAC anticipates that the forums will help participants to gain a better understanding of detention in Massachusetts today and will generate ideas about strategies to reduce detention usage and the overrepresentation of minority youth in the Massachusetts juvenile justice system. Best practices from Massachusetts and other states will also be shared.

To RSVP, please contact Elizabeth Spinney at 617-725-3367, [Elizabeth.Spinney@state.ma.us](mailto:Elizabeth.Spinney@state.ma.us)

### **American Correctional Association 2007 Winter Conference**

**January 20-24, 2007 in Tampa Bay, FL**

The American Correctional Association will host their annual conference titled “Corrections, Community and Public Health”. Session topics include: juvenile institutions, suicide prevention, recidivism, correctional health and disease management, offender reentry, and mental health care for inmates. All correctional professionals are invited to attend.

For more information: <http://www.aca.org/conferences/winter07/>



### **Innovations in Justice, Information Sharing Strategies and Best Practices**

**February 6-8, 2007 in Houston, TX**

**March 27-29, 2007 in Minneapolis, MN**

**June 4-6, 2007 in Jacksonville, FL**

This Bureau of Justice Assistance conference will help participants explore, and better understand how to plan, manage, and implement technology solutions for information sharing systems. Experts will discuss the latest innovative solutions in justice and public safety information sharing, including key developments in: information sharing policy, privacy and security, coordinating broad-based information sharing initiatives, U.S. Department of Justice Global Justice XML Data Model implementation, and latest technologies and standards.

For more information: <http://www.search.org/conferences/2006reginfosharing/>

### **The Grant Institute's Grants 101: Professional Grant Proposal Writing Workshop**

**February 21-23, 2007 in Boston, MA**

This course is a detailed introduction to the process, structure, and skill of professional proposal writing. In this course, participants will learn the entire proposal writing process and complete the course with a solid understanding of the essential factors which determine whether or not a program gets funded. Participants will become capable program planning and proposal writing professionals after completion of the Grants 101 course.

For more information: [www.thegrantinstitute.com](http://www.thegrantinstitute.com)

## **In The News**

### **Gang Truce Ends Much Boston Street Violence**

***The Boston Globe*, November 7, 2006**

According to *The Boston Globe*, secret negotiations concluding with a "peace summit" have produced an unprecedented truce between two of the most dangerous street gangs in Boston, considerably reducing violence on their turf. Two law enforcement officials involved in the truce effort told the *Globe* that in the four months since the "peace summit" there has not been a single shooting that police have connected to either group. One official added that overall violent crime in the sections of Jamaica Plain and Roxbury where the gang members live has plummeted by as much as 80 percent.

Access full text at: [http://www.boston.com/news/local/massachusetts/articles/2006/11/05/2\\_gangs\\_find\\_real\\_peace\\_in\\_secret/](http://www.boston.com/news/local/massachusetts/articles/2006/11/05/2_gangs_find_real_peace_in_secret/)

### **Second FBI Negligence Case In Series Going To Boston Trial**

***The Boston Globe*, November 13, 2006**

According to *The Boston Globe*, a Boston lawsuit, which could cost the federal government more than \$100 million in damages, alleges that the Federal Bureau of Investigation sat on documents that would have helped four men prove they were framed. The suit alleges that the FBI failed to disclose critical evidence to state prosecutors or defense lawyers. Specifically the federal government is accused of malicious prosecution, false imprisonment, conspiracy, negligence, intentional infliction of emotional distress, and depriving the men's families of their companionship.

Access full text at: [http://www.boston.com/news/local/articles/2006/11/13/trial\\_to\\_weigh\\_cost\\_of\\_being\\_framed/?page=1](http://www.boston.com/news/local/articles/2006/11/13/trial_to_weigh_cost_of_being_framed/?page=1)

### **Boston Leaders Cite Benefits Of Antigang Program**

***The Boston Globe*, November 17, 2006**

*The Boston Globe* reports that Massachusetts law enforcement officials and political leaders told a public safety meeting that state antigang grants are helping their communities combat violence and more funding is needed. Police chiefs, district attorneys, legislators, and other officials met recently to discuss the advantages of the Senator Charles E. Shannon Jr. Community Safety Initiative, \$11 million in anti-gang grants that support regional approaches to addressing youth violence.

Access full text at: [http://www.boston.com/news/local/articles/2006/11/17/antigang\\_initiative\\_works\\_say\\_law\\_officials/](http://www.boston.com/news/local/articles/2006/11/17/antigang_initiative_works_say_law_officials/)

### **Boston Police Sweeps Led Mostly To Minor Charges**

***The Boston Globe*, November 26, 2006**

A recent *Boston Globe* analysis found that two high-profile Boston Police operations that sent large groups of officers sweeping through neighborhoods to stem surging gun violence, resulted mainly in arrests on minor charges. The streets were filled with police officers on horses, bicycles, and motorcycles for about 20 different sweeps that covered a section of the city's poorest, most violent, and predominantly minority neighborhoods. Police officials now acknowledge that the sweeps were not as effective as they had hoped, with only about 16 percent of the charges involving violent crimes such as assault, rape, and armed robbery.

Access full text at: [http://www.boston.com/news/local/articles/2006/11/26/hub\\_police\\_sweeps\\_get\\_slim\\_results/](http://www.boston.com/news/local/articles/2006/11/26/hub_police_sweeps_get_slim_results/)

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